

Terra Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 31, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location

Terra Academy, Library

Terra Academy Board members adhere to the following:

1. *Know the charter and act to strategically uphold the vision and mission in our work.*
2. *Be informed, prepared and proactive through due diligence.*
3. *Represent the Terra Academy as a unified board.*

Mission: *Terra Academy focuses on each student as a “unique” whole person in a global society by providing individualized instruction in a community learning model through educational experiences including a broad range of curricular options and project-based learning opportunities that nourish individual talents, skills, and desires.*

Vision: *The vision of Terra Academy is to help students become lifelong independent learners, productive members of society possessing respect for other people and cultures, who are stewards of our environment.*

School Rules: *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind* Motto: *Learn, Grow, Be*

Board Members Present

Fayme Pettit, Jared McKeachnie, Lianna Etchberger, Pam Rosal

Board Members Absent

Melissa Huber

Guests Present

Cassie Hays, Kevrine Wells, Liz Howcroft

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

8 students from the Terra Academy Student Council attended the meeting.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lianna Etchberger called a meeting of the board of trustees of Terra Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday Mar 31, 2016 @ 6:02 PM at Terra Academy, Library.

C.Approve Minutes

P. Rosal made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-25-16.
Lianna Etchberger seconded the motion.
The motion unanimously did not carry.

II. Good Things at Terra

A.Report: Student Council

Student Council reported on the following

Things we like:

- Small class size allows teachers more 1-on-1 student involvement
- School lunches
- It feels safe here, feels like we are friends but we have trouble getting students involved in activities
- Freedom gives us a chance to learn responsibility
- Stronger culture built around smaller student body
- More classes than other schools are offered
- Opportunities to take classes at the college and online learning

What is the student government contributing?

- We're planning activities -- we're looking for ways to get students outside of student gov. involved in the activities
- We'd like to pursue projects that involve the larger community in addition to the student body
- Established the school cheer
- Involvement in student government is not based on popularity
- Considering how to start using committees to get more students involved
- Prom week activities will get a lot more students involved

Liz Howcroft arrived late.
Kevrine Wells arrived late.

III. Consent Agenda

A.Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual

F. Pettit made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.
Pam Rosal seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.Terra Academy Improvement / Trust Land plan

F. Pettit made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.
Pam Rosal seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Reports

A.Finance Report

B.Director's Report

Academic Achievement: Some concerns about progress in reading and math in K-3. Very good progress shown across subjects in grades 4-8.

Stakeholder survey results are in. The survey was a requirement for accreditation.

All juniors took the ACT.

V. Governance

A.03-118 Dress Code Modification

P. Rosal made a motion to Pass the suggested changes to the student dress code.
Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.School LANDS Trust- Board member training

All present board members report completing required training.

C.Preparation for Board Retreat

Pam will produce a timeline to ID what needs to be accomplished to be ready for the board retreat in order to :

1, Set Board Goals:

Review Charter Document

Is there a BOT goal setting resource?

What data do we need from the school?

Committee needs and assignments

2. Complete Yearly Planning Calendar:

Assign sections of policy for each board member to review and record annual/ quarterly requirements.

VI. Finance

A.School Fencing Installation

F. Pettit made a motion to Approve full fencing project contingent upon approval of fire marshall.

Pam Rosal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.USDA loan considerations

Board reviewed the information.

C.Add funds for improvements to the USDA loan

Board reviewed the information. More information will become available as the school budget develops.

VII. Other Business

A.Enrollment Concerns

Applicants to the Terra Academy who have violated safe school policy at other locations can be denied registration at the Terra Academy. It is difficult to ensure that the Terra Academy receives that information on all potential students. The school does attempt to collect the information by requesting the information on the registration form.

VIII. Closing Items

A.Upcoming Events

Art Auction is scheduled for May 14, 2016.

B.Adjourn Meeting

P. Rosal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Rosal